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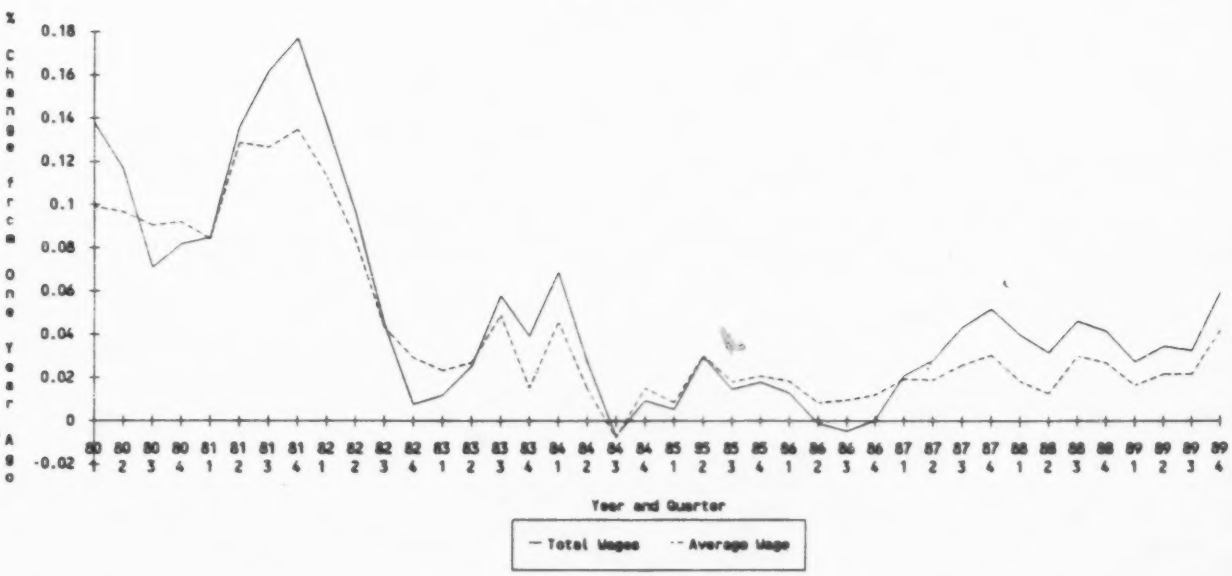

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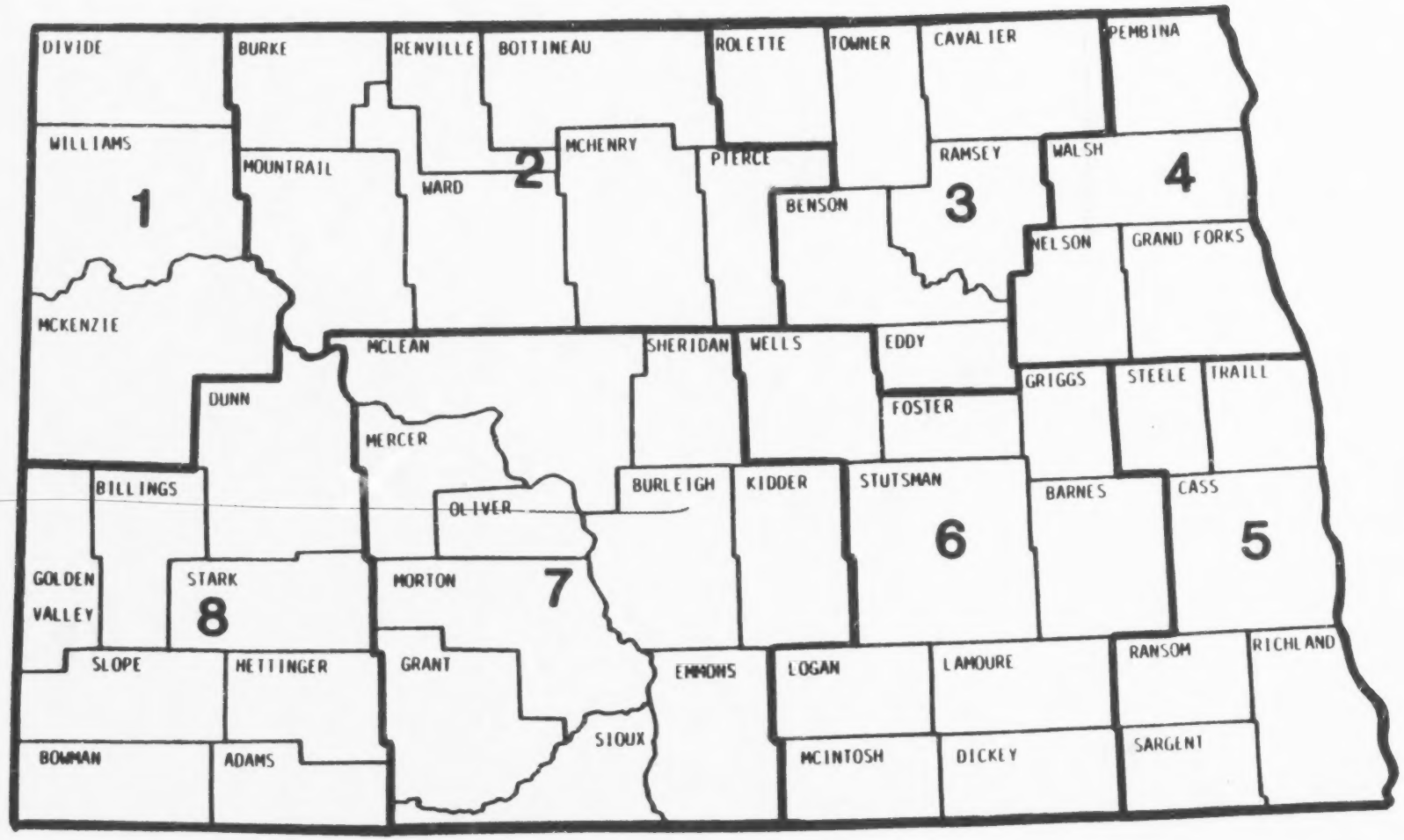

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Covered Employment and Wages - 1989 In Review

A year ago, when information on the fourth quarter of 1988 became available, a major milestone was observed. For the first time, employers covered by Job Insurance paid North Dakota workers over a billion dollars during a single quarter. This article will recap 1989 activity and highlight trends that occurred during the year.

North Dakota, basically an agricultural state, is dependent on adequate moisture. The average amount for the state is slightly over 17 inches based on a 30-year average, but varies by area. During 1988 and 1989, the Bismarck area received just 70% of normal precipitation, while Fargo fared better, receiving 86% of their normal rainfall. More precipitation in the eastern portion of the state has benefited the economy, and it is in that area where most of the growth occurred. There is one exception: the Bismarck area where retail trade and services were the primary leaders.

The billion dollar milestone in quarterly wages turned into a common occurrence in 1989. With the exception of the first quarter, when both employment and wages traditionally drop due to cold weather and the end of the holiday season, wages paid exceeded a billion dollars in all quarters. In fact, another milestone was reached in 1989 when total wages paid by employers covered by Job Insurance exceeded $4 billion for the year.

Employment in the fourth quarter of 1989 (89/4) averaged 245,705 which exceeded the 88/4 average by over 4,100. Only construction and the combined industry of transportation, communications and utilities (TCU) recorded minor over-the-year drops. Construction trailed year-ago figures in all four quarters due to the lack of any major projects in the state. The decline in TCU centered primarily in the transportation segment. The services industry showed the strongest growth and added nearly 2,000 workers during the year. Increases in business, medical, and social services accounted for nearly three-fourths of the gain. Retail trade continued to grow and added 1,200. Over one-half of the gain was in eating and drinking establishments, while nearly all of the remaining segments recorded only token gains.

Total wages were nearly $1.1 billion and exceeded the 88/4 figure by over $62 million. In all industries, the percentage gain in wages exceeded the percentage gain in employment. Most of this can be attributed to employers paying higher wages to keep pace with the rising cost of all goods and services. In 1989, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by 4.8%. The mining, manufacturing, wholesale trade, services, and government industries recorded gains in the 5% range. Others had minor increases that were below the growth in the CPI. The lowest was in retail trade, 2.0%, which is strongly influenced by part-time workers who traditionally have a lower hourly wage. The other low gains in earnings were in construction and TCU where employment also declined compared with 88/4. The lack of growth in these industries contributed to depressed earnings as well.

A comparison of average annual employment and cumulative wages for 1988 and 1989 sends mixed signals. Overall, employment was up 3,027 over the 1988 average. On the positive side, five industries recorded growth, led by services which added 1,847 workers and retail trade with a gain of 1,045. On the negative side, four of the nine nonagricultural industries showed decreases. However, manufacturing and finance, insurance and real estate had declines of less than 20, while mining and construction recorded decreases of slightly over 200.

Cumulative wages for 1988 were $3.918 billion and rose to an all time record of $4.071 billion in 1989. While employment increased by 1.3%, total wages rose by 3.9%. The actual increase in wages amounted to only 2.6% after adjustment for increased employment. Based on these figures, the average North Dakota worker actually lost purchasing power.

A concern that was expressed a year ago was the separation of the growth rate of total wages from the growth rate of average earnings. A continuation of this trend would indicate an expansion in the number of part-time or lower paying jobs or a combination of both. A review of 1989 indicates the growth in total wages and average earnings remained comparatively close in 1989 (see cover chart). In fact, the gap between the two closed slightly, indicating no expansion in the proportion of part-time or lower paying jobs. Hopefully, the growth in total wages and average wages will, at a minimum, parallel each other in the coming year.

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NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	April 1990	March 1990	March 1990	April 1989	April 1989
TOTAL	263,200	260,600	1.0%	257,650	2.2%
GOODS PRODUCING	28,900	28,400	1.8%	27,800	4.0%
MINING	3,800	3,650	4.1%	3,800	0.0%
Coal	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,100	-4.5%
Crude Petroleum & Nat. Gas	2,500	2,400	4.2%	2,400	4.2%
Other Mining	250	200	25.0%	300	-16.7%
CONSTRUCTION	8,250	7,500	10.0%	8,100	1.9%
Building Construction	2,200	2,100	4.8%	2,200	0.0%
Street, Highway & Heavy	1,650	1,200	37.5%	1,600	3.1%
Special Trade Construction	4,400	4,200	4.8%	4,300	2.3%
MANUFACTURING	16,850	17,250	-2.3%	15,900	6.0%
Durable Goods	8,750	8,700	0.6%	7,850	11.5%
Primary & Fab. Metals	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,050	4.8%
Machinery & Trans. Equip	5,400	5,500	-1.8%	4,800	12.5%
Machinery & Electric	3,800	3,900	-2.6%	3,400	11.8%
Transportation Equipment	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,400	14.3%
Other Durables	2,250	2,100	7.1%	2,000	12.5%
Lumber & Wood	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,000	10.0%
Misc Durable	1,150	1,000	15.0%	1,000	15.0%
Nondurable Goods	8,100	8,550	-5.3%	8,050	0.6%
Food & Kindred Products	4,150	4,500	-7.8%	4,100	1.2%
Dairy Products	650	650	0.0%	700	-7.1%
Bakery Products	900	850	5.9%	800	12.5%
Sugar & Confectionary	550	1,000	-45.0%	550	0.0%
Other Foods	2,050	2,000	2.5%	2,050	0.0%
Printing & Publishing	2,500	2,600	-3.8%	2,400	4.2%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,550	-6.5%
SERVICES PRODUCING	234,300	232,200	0.9%	229,850	1.9%
TRAN, COMM & UTILITIES	16,800	16,700	0.6%	16,650	0.9%
Transportation	8,500	8,500	0.0%	8,650	-1.7%
Trucking & Warehousing	4,700	4,700	0.0%	4,900	-4.1%
Other Transportation	3,800	3,800	0.0%	3,750	1.3%
Railroads	1,850	1,850	0.0%	1,850	0.0%
Local & Suburban Transport	900	900	0.0%	900	0.0%
Water, Air & Pipeline	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
Communications	3,500	3,500	0.0%	3,400	2.9%
Utilities	4,800	4,700	2.1%	4,600	4.3%
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,600	19,200	2.1%	19,500	0.5%
Durable Goods	9,000	8,900	1.1%	8,900	1.1%
Nondurable Goods	10,600	10,300	2.9%	10,600	0.0%

NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	April 1990	March 1990	March 1990	April 1989	April 1989
RETAIL TRADE	50,250	49,450	1.6%	49,600	1.3%
Hardware & Garden	2,300	2,200	4.5%	2,500	-8.0%
General Merchandise	6,300	6,300	0.0%	6,300	0.0%
Food Stores	7,000	7,000	0.0%	7,100	-1.4%
Auto & Service Stations	6,900	6,800	1.5%	6,500	6.2%
Apparel & Accessory	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,600	3.8%
Furniture Stores	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,600	3.1%
Eating & Drinking Places	18,000	17,500	2.9%	17,900	0.6%
Misc Retail	5,400	5,300	1.9%	5,100	5.9%
FINANCE,INS & REAL ESTATE	12,400	12,400	0.0%	12,150	2.1%
Finance	6,650	6,700	-0.7%	6,550	1.5%
Banking	5,700	5,700	0.0%	5,600	1.8%
Other Finance	950	1,000	-5.0%	950	0.0%
Insurance	3,900	3,900	0.0%	3,850	1.3%
Insurance Underwriters	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,500	0.0%
Ins. Agents & Brokers	1,400	1,400	0.0%	1,350	3.7%
Real Estate	1,850	1,800	2.8%	1,750	5.7%
SERVICES	67,950	67,450	0.7%	65,450	3.8%
Lodging	4,400	4,300	2.3%	4,300	2.3%
Personal & Business	8,300	8,200	1.2%	7,700	7.8%
Personal Services	3,300	3,300	0.0%	3,200	3.1%
Business Services	5,000	4,900	2.0%	4,500	11.1%
Recreational Services	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,400	-8.3%
Health Services	28,100	28,000	0.4%	27,200	3.3%
Nursing & Hospital	20,500	20,400	0.5%	19,900	3.0%
Other Health	7,600	7,600	0.0%	7,300	4.1%
Membership Organizations	8,200	8,200	0.0%	8,200	0.0%
Educational Services	2,900	2,900	0.0%	2,900	0.0%
Social Services	6,400	6,400	0.0%	5,600	14.3%
Other Services	7,450	7,250	2.8%	7,150	4.2%
Auto & Misc Repair	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,200	4.5%
Legal Services	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,450	0.0%
Misc Services	3,700	3,500	5.7%	3,500	5.7%
GOVERNMENT	67,300	67,000	0.4%	66,500	1.2%
Federal	10,700	10,600	0.9%	10,400	2.9%
State & Local	56,600	56,400	0.4%	56,100	0.9%
State Government	20,400	20,300	0.5%	20,200	1.0%
Educational Services	13,400	13,400	0.0%	13,100	2.3%
Other State Government	7,000	6,900	1.4%	7,100	-1.4%
Local Government	36,200	36,100	0.3%	35,900	0.8%
Educational Services	18,600	18,700	-0.5%	18,200	2.2%
Other Local Government	17,600	17,400	1.1%	17,700	-0.6%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	April 1990	March 1990	March 1990	April 1989	April 1989
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	76,700	75,950	1.0%	74,200	3.4%
GOODS PRODUCING	8,800	8,550	2.9%	8,000	10.0%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	3,300	3,000	10.0%	2,850	15.8%
Special Trades	1,850	1,750	5.7%	1,600	15.6%
Other Construction & Mining	1,450	1,250	16.0%	1,250	16.0%
MANUFACTURING	5,500	5,550	-0.9%	5,150	6.8%
Durable Goods	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,450	10.2%
Fabricated Metal & Machinery	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,250	16.0%
Other Durable Goods	1,250	1,250	0.0%	1,200	4.2%
Nondurable Goods	2,800	2,850	-1.8%	2,700	3.7%
Food & Kindred	1,750	1,800	-2.8%	1,700	2.9%
Other Nondurables	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	67,900	67,400	0.7%	66,200	2.6%
TRANS, COMM & UTIL	4,650	4,650	0.0%	4,650	0.0%
Trucking & Warehousing	1,000	1,000	0.0%	950	5.3%
Other Transportation	2,000	2,000	0.0%	2,000	0.0%
Communications & Utilities	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,700	-2.9%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,600	6,500	1.5%	6,700	-1.5%
Durable	3,800	3,800	0.0%	3,700	2.7%
Nondurable	2,800	2,700	3.7%	3,000	-6.7%
RETAIL TRADE	14,900	14,750	1.0%	14,850	0.3%
General Merchandise & Apparel	3,000	2,900	3.4%	2,800	7.1%
Food Stores	1,800	1,750	2.9%	2,000	-10.0%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,900	1,900	0.0%	1,650	15.2%
Eating & Drinking Places	5,600	5,600	0.0%	5,600	0.0%
Other Retail	2,600	2,600	0.0%	2,800	-7.1%
FINANCE, INS & R E	4,600	4,550	1.1%	4,400	4.5%
Finance	2,100	2,100	0.0%	1,950	7.7%
Insurance Carriers	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,450	0.0%
Other Fin, Ins. & R.Estate	1,050	1,000	5.0%	1,000	5.0%
SERVICES	22,100	21,800	1.4%	20,850	6.0%
Lodging	1,400	1,400	0.0%	1,300	7.7%
Personal & Business	3,600	3,500	2.9%	3,400	5.9%
Recreation & Amusement	850	800	6.3%	900	-5.6%
Health Services	7,900	7,900	0.0%	7,500	5.3%
Educational Services	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,200	4.5%
Social Services	1,750	1,700	2.9%	1,550	12.9%
Membership Services	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,500	0.0%
Other Services	2,800	2,700	3.7%	2,500	12.0%
GOVERNMENT	15,050	15,150	-0.7%	14,750	2.0%
Federal	2,400	2,400	0.0%	2,200	9.1%
State	6,150	6,250	-1.6%	6,250	-1.6%
State School	5,600	5,700	-1.8%	5,700	-1.8%
Other State	550	550	0.0%	550	0.0%
Local	6,500	6,500	0.0%	6,300	3.2%
Local School	4,000	4,000	0.0%	3,800	5.3%
Other Local	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,500	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	April 1990	March 1990	March 1990	April 1989	April 1989
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	31,800	31,800	0.0%	31,100	2.3%
GOODS PRODUCING	2,600	2,500	4.0%	2,900	-10.3%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,050	950	10.5%	1,150	-8.7%
MANUFACTURING	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,750	-11.4%
Durable Goods	550	550	0.0%	550	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,200	-16.7%
SERVICES PRODUCING	29,200	29,300	-0.3%	28,200	3.5%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,650	0.0%
Transportation	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
Communications & Utilities	650	650	0.0%	650	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,500	10.0%
RETAIL TRADE	7,650	7,650	0.0%	7,300	4.8%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,850	1,850	0.0%	1,800	2.8%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,900	2,900	0.0%	2,700	7.4%
Other Retail	2,900	2,900	0.0%	2,800	3.6%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,100	9.1%
SERVICES	7,150	7,050	1.4%	7,100	0.7%
Personal & Business	950	950	0.0%	900	5.6%
Health	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,900	-3.4%
Other Services	3,400	3,300	[illegible]0%	3,300	3.0%
GOVERNMENT	9,900	10,100	[illegible]	9,550	3.7%
Federal	1,500	1,550	-3.2%	1,450	3.4%
State	5,850	5,950	-1.7%	5,650	3.5%
State School	5,400	5,500	-1.8%	5,200	3.8%
Other State	450	450	0.0%	450	0.0%
Local	2,550	2,600	-1.9%	2,450	4.1%
Local School	1,350	1,400	-3.6%	1,350	0.0%
Other Local	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,100	9.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	April 1990	March 1990	March 1990	April 1989	April 1989
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	39,650	39,050	1.5%	38,800	2.2%
GOODS PRODUCING	3,750	3,600	4.2%	3,600	4.2%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,550	1,400	10.7%	1,500	3.3%
MANUFACTURING	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,100	4.8%
Durable Goods	950	950	0.0%	850	11.8%
Nondurable Goods	1,250	1,250	0.0%	1,250	0.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	35,900	35,450	1.3%	35,200	2.0%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	3,000	2,950	1.7%	2,700	11.1%
Transportation	1,250	1,200	4.2%	1,150	8.7%
Communications & Utilities	1,750	1,750	0.0%	1,550	12.9%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,300	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	7,900	7,850	0.6%	8,100	-2.5%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,600	1,650	-3.0%	1,650	-3.0%
Food Stores	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,050	1,000	5.0%	1,150	-8.7%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,600	2,600	0.0%	2,700	-3.7%
Other Retail	1,600	1,550	3.2%	1,600	0.0%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,500	0.0%
SERVICES	12,100	11,900	1.7%	11,650	3.9%
Lodging	900	900	0.0%	950	-5.3%
Personal & Business	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,300	11.5%
Health Services	4,900	4,900	0.0%	4,600	6.5%
Educational Services	850	850	0.0%	800	6.3%
Social Services	1,150	1,100	4.5%	1,050	9.5%
Membership Services	1,150	1,100	4.5%	1,300	-11.5%
Other Services	1,700	1,600	6.3%	1,650	3.0%
GOVERNMENT	9,100	8,950	1.7%	8,950	1.7%
Federal	1,250	1,250	0.0%	1,150	8.7%
State	4,050	3,950	2.5%	4,100	-1.2%
State Schools	350	350	0.0%	300	16.7%
Other State	3,700	3,600	2.8%	3,800	-2.6%
Local	3,800	3,750	1.3%	3,700	2.7%
Local Schools	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,100	0.0%
Other Local	1,700	1,650	3.0%	1,600	6.3%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	APRIL 1990	MARCH 1990	MARCH 1990	APRIL 1989	APRIL 1989
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	126,543	126,498	0.0%	125,299	1.0%
Employment	119,773	120,003	-0.2%	118,768	0.8%
Unemployment	6,770	6,495	4.2%	6,531	3.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	5.1%	xxx	5.2%	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	325,364	322,190	1.0%	326,620	-0.4%
Employment	312,270	305,650	2.2%	312,850	-0.2%
Unemployment	13,094	16,540	-20.8%	13,770	-4.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	5.1%	xxx	4.2%	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	87,690	87,190	0.6%	86,540	1.3%
Employment	84,880	84,160	0.9%	83,890	1.2%
Unemployment	2,810	3,030	-7.3%	2,650	6.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.5%	xxx	3.1%	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	36,440	36,[illegible]	1.1%	36,350	0.2%
Employment	35,130	34,650	1.4%	34,980	0.4%
Unemployment	1,310	1,390	-5.8%	1,370	-4.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.8%	xxx	3.8%	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	47,140	46,730	0.9%	47,160	0.0%
Employment	45,420	44,340	2.4%	45,400	0.0%
Unemployment	1,720	2,390	-28.0%	1,760	-2.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	5.1%	xxx	3.7%	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Grand Forks Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Grand Forks County.
The Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.
The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

(In Thousands)
MARCH 1990

	NORTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	322.2	2,354.3	352.1	412.1
Employment	305.7	2,227.2	338.0	387.5
Unemployment	16.5	127.1	14.1	24.6
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	5.4%	4.0%	6.0%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	APRIL 1990	MARCH 1990	APRIL 1989	APRIL 1990	MARCH 1990	APRIL 1989	APRIL 1990	MARCH 1990	APRIL 1989
MANUFACTURING	427.57	437.12	426.81	39.7	40.7	41.0	10.77	10.74	10.41
Durable Goods	453.38	465.34	455.78	40.3	41.4	41.7	11.25	11.24	10.93
Nondurable Goods	393.90	397.79	386.97	39.0	39.7	40.1	10.10	10.02	9.65

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April 1990	March 1990	April 1989	April 1990	March 1990	April 1989	April 1990	March 1990	April 1989
MANUFACTURING	350.76	342.27	343.59	39.5	38.5	39.0	8.88	8.89	8.81
Durable Goods	378.90	368.04	379.01	41.5	40.4	42.3	9.13	9.11	8.96
Nondurable Goods	314.76	313.40	306.52	36.9	36.4	35.6	8.53	8.61	8.61
Food & Kindred	320.26	323.59	314.81	38.4	38.8	37.3	8.34	8.34	8.44

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April 1990	March 1990	April 1989	April 1990	March 1990	April 1989	April 1990	March 1990	April 1989
MANUFACTURING	327.87	313.77	352.91	37.6	35.9	39.3	8.72	8.74	8.98
Durable Goods	317.24	289.68	331.30	38.5	35.5	40.6	8.24	8.16	8.16
Nondurable Goods	338.36	338.32	374.52	36.5	36.3	38.1	9.27	9.32	9.83

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84=100)

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	APRIL 1990	MARCH 1990	Percent Change From MARCH 1990	APRIL 1989	Percent Change From APRIL 1989
All Items	124.0	128.9	128.7	0.2%	123.1	4.7%
Food & Beverage	124.9	131.0	131.2	-0.2%	124.0	5.6%
Housing	123.0	126.8	126.8	0.0%	121.6	4.3%
Apparel & Upkeep	118.6	126.7	125.4	1.0%	120.9	4.8%
Transportation	114.1	117.3	116.8	0.4%	114.6	2.4%
Medical Care	149.3	159.8	158.7	0.7%	146.8	8.9%
Entertainment	126.5	131.4	130.9	0.4%	125.4	4.8%
All Other	147.7	155.8	155.2	0.4%	144.7	7.7%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	APRIL 1990	MARCH 1990	Percent Change From MARCH 1990	APRIL 1989	Percent Change From APRIL 1989
All Commodities	112.2	114.0	114.2	-0.2%	112.3	1.5%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	115.3	118.4	118.7	-0.3%	115.0	3.0%
Industrial Commodities	111.6	113.1	113.2	-0.1%	111.8	1.2%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	APR'90	MAR'90	APR'89	APR'90	MAR'90	APR'89	APR'90	MAR'90	APR'89	APR'90	MAR'90	APR'89
Barnes	5,822	5,948	5,771	5,627	5,676	5,545	195	272	226	3.3%	4.6%	3.9%
Dickey	3,134	3,047	3,063	3,065	2,952	2,993	69	95	70	2.2%	3.1%	2.3%
Foster	2,264	2,180	2,177	2,163	2,067	2,083	101	113	94	4.5%	5.2%	4.3%
Griggs	1,545	1,494	1,580	1,482	1,409	1,511	63	85	69	4.1%	5.7%	4.4%
La Moure	2,308	2,208	2,312	2,215	2,104	2,221	93	104	91	4.0%	4.7%	3.9%
Logan	1,458	1,416	1,466	1,424	1,366	1,422	34	50	44	2.3%	3.5%	3.0%
McIntosh	2,216	2,160	2,204	2,177	2,112	2,166	39	48	38	1.8%	2.2%	1.7%
Stutsman	11,810	11,608	11,873	11,366	11,036	11,431	444	572	442	3.8%	4.9%	3.7%
Wells	2,762	2,743	2,811	2,543	2,486	2,607	219	257	204	7.9%	9.4%	7.3%
REGION 6	33,319	32,804	33,257	32,062	31,208	31,979	1,257	1,596	1,278	3.8%	4.9%	3.8%
Burleigh	34,472	34,119	34,486	33,331	32,537	33,315	1,141	1,582	1,171	3.3%	4.6%	3.4%
Emmons	2,103	2,127	2,115	2,002	1,981	2,021	101	146	94	4.8%	6.9%	4.4%
Grant	1,793	1,728	1,799	1,746	1,670	1,738	47	58	61	2.6%	3.4%	3.4%
Kidder	1,556	1,555	1,524	1,404	1,368	1,400	152	187	124	9.8%	12.0%	8.1%
McLean	4,401	4,397	4,355	4,168	4,052	4,110	233	345	245	5.3%	7.8%	5.6%
Mercer	5,615	5,630	5,627	5,306	5,172	5,313	309	458	314	5.5%	8.1%	5.6%
Morton	12,668	12,608	12,673	12,090	11,802	12,084	578	806	589	4.6%	6.4%	4.6%
Oliver	1,044	999	1,085	1,000	924	1,029	44	75	56	4.2%	7.5%	5.2%
Sheridan	1,179	1,167	1,144	1,121	1,072	1,071	58	95	73	4.9%	8.1%	6.4%
Sioux	1,121	1,154	1,141	999	1,019	1,003	122	135	138	10.9%	11.7%	12.1%
REGION 7	65,952	65,484	65,949	63,167	61,597	63,084	2,785	3,887	2,865	4.2%	5.9%	4.3%
Adams	1,642	1,609	1,621	1,608	1,575	1,585	34	34	36	2.1%	2.1%	2.2%
Billings	629	593	631	591	546	601	38	47	30	6.0%	7.9%	4.8%
Bowman	2,088	2,014	2,114	2,041	1,964	2,046	47	50	68	2.3%	2.5%	3.2%
Dunn	1,699	1,677	1,642	1,604	1,541	1,502	95	136	140	5.6%	8.1%	8.5%
Gldn Valley	1,007	982	1,021	988	951	992	19	31	29	1.9%	3.2%	2.8%
Hettinger	1,760	1,709	1,793	1,690	1,587	1,709	70	122	84	4.0%	7.1%	4.7%
Slope	425	431	431	402	398	399	23	33	32	5.4%	7.7%	7.4%
Stark	10,789	10,800	11,302	10,364	10,190	10,739	425	610	563	3.9%	5.6%	5.0%
REGION 8	20,039	19,815	20,555	19,288	18,752	19,573	751	1,063	982	3.7%	5.4%	4.8%
STATE TOTALS	325,367	322,191	326,623	312,273	305,653	312,850	13,094	16,538	13,773	4.0%	5.1%	4.2%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	APR'90	MAR'90	APR'89	APR'90	MAR'90	APR'89	APR'90	MAR'90	APR'89	APR'90	MAR'90	APR'89
Divide	1,368	1,306	1,420	1,349	1,282	1,382	19	24	38	1.4%	1.8%	2.7%
McKenzie	2,652	2,578	2,785	2,586	2,476	2,669	66	102	116	2.5%	4.0%	4.2%
Williams	10,776	10,520	10,999	10,343	10,035	10,487	433	485	512	4.0%	4.6%	4.7%
REGION 1	14,796	14,404	15,204	14,278	13,793	14,538	518	611	666	3.5%	4.2%	4.4%
Bottineau	3,306	3,246	3,337	3,122	3,006	3,145	184	240	192	5.6%	7.4%	5.8%
Burke	1,218	1,226	1,297	1,163	1,149	1,228	55	77	69	4.5%	6.3%	5.3%
McHenry	2,618	2,606	2,608	2,297	2,172	2,300	321	434	308	12.3%	16.7%	11.8%
Mountrail	3,353	3,184	3,268	3,145	2,966	3,060	208	218	208	6.2%	6.8%	6.4%
Pierce	2,513	2,436	2,523	2,431	2,321	2,433	82	115	90	3.3%	4.7%	3.6%
Renville	1,168	1,161	1,172	1,126	1,126	1,121	42	35	51	3.6%	3.0%	4.4%
Ward	25,316	25,215	25,613	24,129	23,714	24,393	1,187	1,501	1,220	4.7%	6.0%	4.8%
REGION 2	39,492	39,074	39,818	37,413	36,454	37,680	2,079	2,620	2,138	5.3%	6.7%	5.4%
Benson	2,681	2,681	3,043	2,360	2,325	2,807	321	356	236	12.0%	13.3%	7.8%
Cavalier	2,577	2,585	2,634	2,422	2,362	2,438	155	223	196	6.0%	8.6%	7.4%
Eddy	1,409	1,441	1,402	1,299	1,268	1,296	110	173	106	7.8%	12.0%	7.6%
Ramsey	6,891	6,649	6,642	6,615	6,351	6,409	276	298	233	4.0%	4.5%	3.5%
Rolette	4,532	4,545	4,579	3,955	3,878	3,975	577	667	604	12.7%	14.7%	13.2%
Towner	1,667	1,689	1,753	1,619	1,615	1,697	48	74	56	2.9%	4.4%	3.2%
REGION 3	19,757	19,590	20,053	18,270	17,799	18,622	1,487	1,791	1,431	7.5%	9.1%	7.1%
Grand Forks	36,438	36,038	36,348	35,126	34,653	34,983	1,312	1,385	1,365	3.6%	3.8%	3.8%
Nelson	1,897	1,880	1,936	1,820	1,769	1,839	77	111	97	4.1%	5.9%	5.0%
Pembina	5,179	5,299	5,135	4,743	4,819	4,658	436	480	477	8.4%	9.1%	9.3%
Walsh	7,461	7,257	7,628	7,106	6,843	7,260	355	414	368	4.8%	5.7%	4.8%
REGION 4	50,975	50,474	51,047	48,795	48,084	48,740	2,180	2,390	2,307	4.3%	4.7%	4.5%
Cass	62,101	61,418	61,711	60,695	59,720	60,398	1,406	1,698	1,313	2.3%	2.8%	2.1%
Ransom	2,628	2,591	2,670	2,545	2,486	2,597	83	105	73	3.2%	4.1%	2.7%
Richland	8,345	8,463	8,410	8,071	8,060	8,044	274	403	366	3.3%	4.8%	4.4%
Sargent	2,629	2,582	2,600	2,583	2,522	2,531	46	60	69	1.7%	2.3%	2.7%
Steele	1,076	1,063	1,117	1,036	1,016	1,048	40	47	69	3.7%	4.4%	6.2%
Traill	4,262	4,427	4,230	4,072	4,160	4,016	190	267	214	4.5%	6.0%	5.1%
REGION 5	81,041	80,544	80,738	79,002	77,964	78,634	2,039	2,580	2,104	2.5%	3.2%	2.6%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which included the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often call the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all states of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay from the pay period which included the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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2016 South Washington
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501 1st Street Northwest
Phone: 663-6461

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